Abstract of the Disclosure

A composition containing an ingredient selected from the group consisting of a compound corresponding to formula I:

$$R-[O-(AO)_n-R']_m$$
 (I)

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wherein R is an at least monofunctional, saturated or unsaturated, alkyl group having from at least 2 up to 36 carbon atoms, m is a number from 1 to 16, and n is a number from 1 to 500, with the proviso that the product of n and m has a value of at least 1, and R', independently of each other, represents a hydrogen atom or a sulfur-containing group selected from the group consisting of OC-CH₂-S-SO₃M, SO₃M or SO₄M, and wherein at least one R' has to be one of the sulfur-containing groups; a compound corresponding to formula (II):

$$H_2C-O-(AO)_x-R"$$

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 $HC-O-(AO)_y-R"$

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 $H_2C-O-(AO)_x-R"$

wherein R", independently of each other, represent a hydrogen atom or a sulfur-containing group selected from the group consisting of OC-CH₂-S-SO₃M, SO₃M, and wherein at least one R" has to be one of the sulfur-containing groups, AO, independently of each other, represent C_2H_4O -, C_3H_6O - or C_4H_8O -, the indices x, y and z, independently of one another, are 0 or their sum have a value of from 1 to 500, M is a cation having at least one charge, and wherein if x, y or z is zero, than its corresponding substituent R" is a hydrogen atom; and mixtures thereof.